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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6396th meeting of the Security Council, held on 13 October 2010, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Post-conflict peacebuilding", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls the Statements of its President on post-conflict peacebuilding, in particular S/PRST/2009/23 and S/PRST/2010/7, and reaffirms the critical importance of peacebuilding as the foundation for sustainable peace and development in the aftermath of conflict.

"The Security Council welcomes the Secretary-General's Report (S/2010/386) on progress being made towards implementing the agenda for action to improve the United Nations peacebuilding efforts set out in his report (S/2009/304) as an important contribution towards a more effective and coherent international response to peacebuilding, and urges the Secretary-General and all relevant actors to intensify work in translating this into improved effectiveness of operations on the ground.

"The Security Council reiterates the importance of national ownership of peacebuilding efforts and priorities. The Council stresses the need for mainstreaming support to national capacity development in all United Nations peacebuilding activities as a system-wide priority, and looks forward to the recommendations of the review of civilian capacity in early 2011.

"The Security Council emphasizes the need for early and predictable support in priority areas of peacebuilding including reform of the security sector, restoration of the rule of law, respect for human rights, ending impunity, combating illicit arms trade, drug trafficking, and transnational organized crime, voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons, supporting peace processes, provision of basic services, restoration of core government functions, management of natural resources, tackling youth unemployment, and revitalization of the economy. The Council underscores the vital role of the United Nations in supporting national authorities to develop an early strategy, in close consultation with international partners, to address such priorities, as appropriate.

"The Council reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to move forward with efforts to further clarify roles and responsibilities, within the

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United Nations system, in core peacebuilding areas, strengthen capacities, and ensure greater accountability in the delivery of assistance.

"The Security Council welcomes and encourages more coordinated, coherent and integrated peacebuilding efforts, which includes forging stronger partnerships amongst Member States, regional and subregional organizations, the World Bank and other international financial institutions, other multilateral partners, civil society, and the private sector with a focus on delivering greater impact and results on the ground.

"The Security Council reaffirms the critical importance of timely, flexible and predictable funding for peacebuilding, and urges Member States and other partners to increase efforts towards achieving this goal, including through the replenishment of the Peacebuilding Fund and through multi-donor trust funds.

"The Security Council stresses the importance of women's equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, including peacebuilding. The Council reiterates the importance of addressing women's peacebuilding needs and their involvement in the development and implementation of post-conflict strategies. The Security Council, in this regard, underlines the importance of enhancing the mobilization of resources for initiatives that address women's peacebuilding needs, advance gender equality and empower women in peacebuilding contexts, and encourages Member States and other partners to render their support.

"The Security Council takes note of, with appreciation, the report of the Secretary-General on Women's participation in peacebuilding (S/2010/466) and looks forward to its consideration including with participation of relevant parts of the United Nations system, including the United Nations entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

"The Security Council welcomes the important role of the Peacebuilding Commission in promoting and supporting an integrated and coherent approach to peacebuilding, including women's participation. The Council reiterates its support for the work of the Commission, and expresses its willingness to make greater use of the Peacebuilding Commission's advisory role.

"The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to brief the Security Council and the General Assembly by 13 October 2011 and submit a report no later than 13 October 2012 on further progress made in implementing his agenda for action giving particular emphasis on the impact this has made on the ground, including progress towards increasing the participation of women in peacebuilding, taking into consideration the views of the Peacebuilding Commission."